

## Climate change impact assessment

The purpose of this assessment is to help us understand the likely impacts of our decisions on the environment of North Yorkshire and on our aspiration to achieve net carbon neutrality by 2030, or as close to that date as possible. The intention is to mitigate negative effects and identify projects which will have positive effects.

This document should be completed in consultation with the supporting guidance. The final document will be published as part of the decision making process and should be written in Plain English.

If you have any additional queries which are not covered by the guidance please email [climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk)

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**Please note: You may not need to undertake this assessment if your proposal will be subject to any of the following:**

Planning Permission  
Environmental Impact Assessment  
Strategic Environmental Assessment

However, you will still need to summarise your findings in the summary section of the form below.

Please contact [climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk) for advice.

<b>Title of proposal</b>	<b>Strategy for a Sustainable Future: consultation draft NYC response</b>
<b>Brief description of proposal</b>	<b>To delegate authority to Officers to make the response, following engagement, within the timescale</b>
<b>Directorate</b>	<b>Environment</b>
<b>Service area</b>	<b>Environment and Sustainability</b>
<b>Lead officer</b>	<b>Jos Holmes</b>
<b>Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment</b>	
<b>Date impact assessment started</b>	<b>27.04.26</b>

**Options appraisal**  
 Were any other options considered in trying to achieve the aim of this project? If so, please give brief details and explain why alternative options were not progressed.

**Not to respond to the consultation.**  
**This was rejected as it is important that NYC reviews the Strategy to ensure it supports NYC strategy and priority.**

**What impact will this proposal have on council budgets? Will it be cost neutral, have increased cost or reduce costs?**

Please explain briefly why this will be the result, detailing estimated savings or costs where this is possible.

There will be no impact on Council budgets. However, the Strategy will guide future funding of the YNYCA and lobby for Government funding to deliver on the Strategy priorities.

How will this proposal impact on the environment?		Positive impact (Place a X in the box)	No impact (Place a X in the box <small>below where relevant</small> )	Negative impact (Place a X in the box <small>below where relevant</small> )	Explain why will it have this effect and over what timescale?  Where possible/relevant please include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Changes over and above business as usual</li> <li>• Evidence or measurement of effect</li> <li>• Figures for CO<sub>2</sub>e</li> <li>• Links to relevant documents</li> </ul>	Explain how you plan to mitigate any negative impacts.	Explain how you plan to improve any positive outcomes as far as possible.
Minimise greenhouse gas emissions e.g. reducing emissions from travel, increasing energy efficiencies etc.	Emissions from travel	x			The strategy highlights emissions reduction opportunities from travel		To ensure NYC transport priorities are reflected
	Emissions from construction	x			Biobased construction is included in the Strategy.		Ensure that NYC Property team are involved in the consultation response

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Emissions from running of buildings	x			Retrofit is a key aspect of the Strategy.		Ensure that NYC Property team are involved in the consultation response
Emissions from data storage		x		At present, the Strategy focusses on operational emissions.	Review the opportunity to reduce data storage emissions in the Strategy	
Other						
Minimise <b>waste</b> : Reduce, reuse, recycle and compost e.g. reducing use of single use plastic	x			The Strategy includes references to Circular Economy		Ensure the Waste team are engaged in the Strategy response
Reduce <b>water</b> consumption		x		This aspect doesn't specifically feature in the Strategy	Ensure resource efficiency is included	
Minimise <b>pollution</b> (including air, land, water, light and noise)	x			The Strategy references the positive co benefits of taking climate actions.		Ensure this is referenced in the response

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Ensure <b>resilience</b> to the effects of climate change e.g. reducing flood risk, mitigating effects of drier, hotter summers	x			Climate adaptation is referenced throughout the Strategy		Ensure this is supported in the response
Enhance <b>conservation</b> and wildlife	x			Natural capital is referenced in the Strategy		Ensure this is supported in the response
Safeguard the distinctive characteristics, features and special qualities of <b>North Yorkshire's landscape</b>	x			Protected landscapes are referenced in the Strategy		Ensure PL services are responding to the consultation
Other (please state below)						

<p><b>Are there any recognised good practice environmental standards in relation to this proposal?</b> If so, please detail how this proposal meets those standards.</p>

**Summary**

Due to engagement of NYC Officers and Members throughout, there are no significant 'red flags'. It is anticipated that NYC's response will be supportive of areas where our priorities align and also offer comment on areas of improvement or development.

**Sign off section**

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<b>Directorate</b>	Environment
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**Authorised by relevant Assistant Director (signature):** Michael Leah

**Date:** 15.05.26